

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 6, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 21, SB 73, SB 222, SB 249

Executive Action: None

00:00:03 Call to order

HEARING ON SB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:22 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 21, Clarify distribution of certain motor vehicle revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:47 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:11 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Children and Family Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:36 Sen. Story

HEARING ON SB 222

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:57 Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 222, Revise 4 lane construction on Highway 2.

[EXHIBIT\(trh50a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:48 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

00:09:43 Bob Sivertsen, Highway Two Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh50a02\)](#)

00:10:51 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

(Rep. Arntzen arrived.)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:45 Sen. Hansen

HEARING ON SB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:53 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 249, Allow Montana driver's license for certain offenders.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:21 Lawrence Chain

[EXHIBIT\(trh50a03\)](#)

00:47:07 Annette Chain

(Rep. Taylor arrived.)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:48:11 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:36 Rep. Arntzen

00:49:12 Sen. Curtiss

00:50:48 Ms. Nordlund

00:51:54 Rep. Arntzen

00:52:04 Ms. Nordlund

00:55:05 Rep. Taylor

00:55:20 Ms. Nordlund

00:55:59 Rep. Sonju

00:56:08 Ms. Nordlund

00:57:06 Rep. Kottel

00:58:18 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:53 Sen. Curtiss

HEARING ON SB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:50 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on
SB 73, Revise laws on medium-speed electric vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:00 Matt Elsaesser, Student Advocates for Valuing the
Environment Foundation (SAVE)

01:08:16 Sheena Rice, Montana Public Interest Research Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:10:03 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney, Motor Vehicle Division,
Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:37 Rep. Ebinger

01:11:03 Sen. Hawks

01:11:27 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:04 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

01:14:28 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh50aad.pdf](#))